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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Alexander Serkh and Andrzej Dec)	
)	Examiner: Charles, Marcus.
Serial No.: 10/617,628)	
)	Group Art Unit: 3682
Docket No.: T02-061A)	
)	
Title: AUTOMATIC LOCKED-CENTER)	
IDLER)	Date: July 31, 2008

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

This paper is presented in response to the Office Action of September 10, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1-13 in the above-identified Application and is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), IDS and a Petition for a three-month extension of time. This Amendment is filed within four months of issuance of a Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review, issued in this case on April 1, 2008. The Notice of Appeal was filed on January 9, 2008. Therefore, time to file an Appeal Brief or other response (i.e. the present RCE) was reset to May 1, 2008. Hence, the present RCE and Amendment are timely filed through use of the accompanying three-month extension of time petition. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.